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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 6,393,339 B1 was cited in an Official Action dated January 27, 2006, in related Application No. 10/870,938.

U.S. Patent No. 5,963,134, U.S. Patent No. 6,568,596 B1, U.S. Patent No. 6,152,365, U.S. Patent No. 4,354,613, U.S. Patent No. 6,056,199, U.S. Patent No. 6,830,181 B1, and Japanese Patent Document No. 7-230584 were cited in an Official Action dated August 8, 2005, in related Application No. 10/870,938.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0011341 A1, U.S. Patent No. 6,522,645 B1, and U.S. Patent No. 6,771,766 B1 were cited in an Official Action dated February 3, 2006, in related Application No. 10/795,386.

U.S. Patent No. 5,963,134, U.S. Patent No. 6,693,539 B2, U.S. Patent No. 5,764,992, U.S. Patent No. 6,131,399, U.S. Patent No. 5,774,053, DE 299 12 346 U1, and WO 00/45324 were cited in an Official Action dated July 14, 2005, in related Application No. 10/795,386.

U.S. Patent No. 6,677,852 B1, U.S. Patent No. 6,011,243, and U.S. Patent No. 5,711,160 were cited in an Official Action dated January 28, 2005, in related Application No. 10/795,386.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		6,152,365	11/28/2000	Kolls	235	381	
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		5,774,053	06/30/1998	Porter	340	568	
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		6,639,509 B1	10/28/2003	Martinez	340	10.4	
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